



**Held at our Norwich offices, Steeles Law seminars look at recent case studies and the latest developments in the law, as well as being an ideal networking opportunity.**

**All seminars are 7.45am arrival for 8am – 10.30am**

**Tuesday 17 March 2009**

**Protecting Your Business**

Have employees set up in competition? Have they misused or sold confidential information to a competitor? Have your intellectual property rights been infringed? Copyright 'copied'? Is another business passing off as your business? We will discuss how you can enforce covenants, protect your IPR and prevent your business being affected by rogue employees and competitors.

**Tuesday 21 April 2009**

**Keeping Disputes Out of Court**

All businesses have disputes with suppliers, clients, customers and competitors but more and more disputes are now being resolved without resorting to litigation. This seminar will advise on how to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation by the effective use of alternative dispute resolution methods with a mock commercial mediation.

**Tuesday 12 May 2009**

**Property Litigation Update**

Aimed at property and land owners, developers, landlords and agents, surveyors and agents and housing associations, this legal update will provide delegates with vital information on recent developments in the law affecting property, as well as planned changes due to come into force.

**Tuesday 9 June 2009**

**Construction Update**

This seminar will provide a comprehensive update and review of the major developments in construction law. Topics include: Adjudication cases and issues; design and build – contractors' liable for employer design; oral guarantees; joint experts; ADR and JCT News. Other topics will be included if anything of importance occurs before the seminar is delivered.

**Tuesday 30 June 2009**

**Regulatory Issues**

Applying to all sectors, this workshop will provide a summary of issues that face businesses in 2009, especially following the near collapse of the banking system. We will cover relevant issues involving the Financial Services Authority, money laundering, health and safety, trading standards, Office of Fair Trading investigations and sanctions, and what to do if you face a dawn raid!

**Tuesday 14 July 2009**

## **Litigation Update and Review**

There are occasions when cases cannot be settled or the law needs to be tested. We will talk you through the process and advise on crucial matters such as disclosure and gathering witness evidence. In particular, we will provide updates on costs rules and how conduct of the parties can affect the general rule that the 'loser pays the winner's costs'.

**Date tba – please check our website**

## **Customs Claims**

Have you been investigated or had goods seized by HMRC? Have you had an assessment which you dispute? Do you think HMRC has abused its powers? At this briefing our specialist team will explain the powers that HMRC has; how businesses should respond to 'raids' and 'investigations'; and the options available to challenge HMRC and seek the release of seized goods.

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## **The Commercial Disputes Resolution Team**

The Commercial Disputes Resolution Team has again received an excellent review in The Legal 500 (the leading reviewer of all legal firms) this year. In addition to receiving excellent recognition in the categories of Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution, the team was also recognised in Construction, Insolvency, Intellectual Property and Sports Law.

The Team continues to expand and is the strongest it has ever been. It continues to work closely with the firm's other teams, including Commercial and Corporate Finance, Commercial Property, and Private Client as well as the firm's specialist practice groups, which include Media, Construction and Inward investment.

### **Recent successes include:**

- Acting for a shareholder in a multi-million pound shareholders' dispute
- Obtaining an injunction to prevent the misuse of confidential information
- An international arbitration (value €550,000) with complex issues relating to the application of the Construction Act, repudiation of contract and value of the claim
- A 'cartel' and 'anti-competitive' case for a business
- A construction dispute for a Local Authority (value: £1,000,000)
- A contract dispute for a supplier of educational services with a value of £700,000
- Setting aside an HMRC assessment of £5.2million

### **Ongoing cases include:**

- A £10million negligence case and challenge to a HRMC assessment of £1.5million

In addition to the issues covered above, the team also provides advice in the following areas:

## **Debt Collection, Insolvency and Directors' Accountability**

We provide debt recovery services, including using insolvency action as a tool to recovery. We can also advise and act for you to recover your goods. Clients include small to medium size businesses and PLC's.

Whether you are a company facing financial difficulties or have concerns as a director or a creditor, we have substantial legal expertise in the areas of administration, liquidation (in its various forms), schemes of arrangement, members' voluntary liquidation and voluntary arrangements. We can also advise on the accountability of directors, including claims for misfeasance, fraudulent trading, wrongful trading, disqualification and your duties.

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